

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-4 to read as follows .

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising ~~a~~ the nucleotide sequence ~~encoding an amino acid sequence drawn from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID NO: 16.

2. (currently amended) An isolated cDNA molecule comprising ~~a~~ the nucleotide sequence ~~drawn from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID NO: 15.

3. (currently amended) An isolated cDNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes an amino acid sequence ~~drawn from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID NO: 16, and
- (b) hybridizes ~~under stringent conditions~~ to a nucleotide sequence drawn from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 15, or the complement thereof.

4.(currently amended) ~~An isolated~~ A recombinant expression vector comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence ~~drawn from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID NO: 16.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1, wherein said nucleotide sequence is that of SEQ ID NO:15.

7. (previously presented) The recombinant expression vector of claim 4, wherein said vector comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:15.

8. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 4.

9 (previously presented) The host cell of claim 8, wherein the nucleotide sequence is that of SEQ ID NO: 15.